

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice

**Proposed Issuance of a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit
Ameren Illinois – Ashmore Storage Facility**

Ameren Illinois has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating air emissions from its natural gas storage facility located at 24818 East County Road 850N near Ashmore in Coles County. The Illinois EPA has reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review and comment.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight December 14, 2014. If sufficient interest is expressed in the draft permit, a hearing or other informational meeting may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9506, phone 217/782-7027, TDD phone number 217/782-9143, brad.frost@illinois.gov.

The repositories for these documents and the application are at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street, Champaign, 217/278-5800 and 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). The draft permit and project summary may also be available at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html>. Copies of the documents may also be obtained upon request to the contact listed above.

The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP permit allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.